

Easy Lessons in Auction Bridge

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ARTICLE NO. 1

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this particular series of articles is to give a short summary of the game of Auction Bridge, so that even a beginner can acquire sufficient knowledge of the game, both of bidding and play, to enable him to play a creditable game. The best way to acquire the knowledge of the rules necessary for the beginner is to study the first thirty-one rules of the Laws of Auction of the Whist Club of New York, which are to be found in any standard book on Auction. In case such a book is not available, read carefully this Summary of the Laws of Auction.

Partners and Deal—Auction Bridge, as played by four people, requires two packs of cards with different backs. Jokers are not used. One pack is shuffled and spread face down on table, so that players may draw for partners. The players drawing the two lowest cards play against holders of the two highest. Ace is low in cutting, and in case of duplicate draws, Spades have preference over Hearts, then Diamonds and Clubs. Holder of lowest card chooses his seat at table, and one pack of cards. Holder of third lowest takes his choice of opponents' seats. Second hand (player at dealer's left) shuttles dealer's cards, which are cut by person at dealer's right. Dealer's partner shuttles the "still" deck and places it at his right, ready for second hand to use for next deal. Thereafter, this shuttling of the still deck always is done by partner of current dealer, while deal is going on.

Thirteen cards are dealt, one at a time, to each player, starting with player at dealer's left. Players can not look at their cards until deal is complete. If a misdeal, by reason of a card being faced or otherwise exposed or an incorrect number being given to any player, same dealer deals again. Deal passes to left.

Bidding—Any one of the four suits may be declared trump, or the hand may be played without trump, the so-called "No Trump." Dealer bids first. He may "pass," or bid one or more in Clubs, Diamonds, Hearts, Spades, or No Trump, which rank in the order named. A bid of one indicates that bidder to fulfill his contract, must take one odd trick. An odd trick is one trick more than six. A bidder has to take six tricks, or his "book," before he can start to score. Therefore seven, or seven odd tricks, is highest possible bid. Each of the other players, starting with player at dealer's left, may pass, double, or overbid the dealer. To overbid, it is necessary to bid the same number of tricks in a suit which ranks higher, or a larger number of tricks in a suit which ranks lower than that named by dealer. The bidding goes round to the left until three players in succession pass, except that, if it be the first round, and the first three

players pass, the fourth is given an opportunity to bid. Should all four players pass on the first round, the cards are dealt by the next dealer, with his own pack.

In bidding, the number of tricks outranks the value of the tricks. For instance, three Clubs, with a total trick value of 18, outranks two No Trump, worth 20 points. Doubling—Any player may double an opponent's bid; and bidder or partner may redouble or bid something else outranking the doubled bid. By doubling, the opponent indicates that he can "set" the bidder; by redoubling, bidder asserts his confidence in his own make.

Doubling increases the value of the tricks (not the honors) in scoring but not in bidding (see Scoring). Example: two Spades overbids two Hearts doubled and redoubled, although in scoring two Spades counts only 18 trick points, whereas two Hearts redoubled counts 64.

A higher bid by any player cancels any previous double or redouble. The Play—The declarer is the player who first named the winning suit, regardless of any bids or suits named between his first calling the suit and its final bid by himself or his partner. His partner is "dummy." Player at left of declarer leads any card; then dummy lays down his cards face up, and sorted into suits. Dummy thereafter must not touch his cards. Their play is left entirely to declarer. Each player must follow suit led if he can; otherwise trump or discard as he likes. Cards rank from Ace down to Deuce, and trumps always win. When there is a trump, highest card or highest trump, if trumps be played on trick, wins trick; in No Trump, highest card of suit led wins. Winner leads for next trick. Declarer leads from dummy hand when tricks are taken by card from that hand. First six tricks taken by declarer are his "book." All over the book count toward game. If declarer has bid three, he must win three tricks over his book, or nine tricks.

Scoring—Only the declarer's side can score towards game, and the game score is the only score that goes below the horizontal line on the score card. Below the Line Declarer Scores for each trick over his book. Above the Line Declarer or Opponent Scores for "Honors" as held by them when cards are dealt. The honors are:

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the A, K, Q, J, and Ten of a trump suit; or the four Aces when there is no trump.

Table of Count	Clubs	Diamonds	Hearts	Spades	No Trump
Each trick over 6	13	14	15	16	20
3 honors (simple)	13	14	15	16	20
4 honors	24	28	32	36	40
5 honors	35	39	43	47	50
6 in one hand	45	49	53	57	60
4 in one hand 5th in partner's	45	49	53	57	60
5 in one hand	54	62	70	78	80
6 in one hand	60	70	80	90	90

Doubling doubles these trick (not honor) values; redoubling multiplies them by four. Thirty trick points constitute a game, but all over thirty are scored. Excess points on one game can be counted on next. Partners winning two games complete a rubber.

For winning 12 tricks, or Little Slam, there is a bonus of 50 honor points; for Grand Slam, or 13 tricks, 400 points.

Declarer also gets a bonus of 50 honor points if he makes a doubled contract, plus a bonus of 50 points for each trick taken above his contract. If declarer redoubles, these bonuses are 100 each.

When opponents "set" the declarer, the opponents score 50 honor points for each trick by which declarer falls short of his contract; 100 for each trick if bid has been doubled; 200 if redoubled.

If declarer fulfills his contract, he scores for every trick he takes in excess of his bid; if he does not make amount bid, he can score only his honors as held. When contract is defeated, nothing is scored below the line.

Penalty for a revoke by declarer

is 50 in honor points, which opponents score above the line. When opponents revoke declarer may take 50 honor points or 2 of opponents' tricks for first revoke; each additional revoke by opponents entitles declarer to 50 honor points. Declarer can use tricks taken on a revoke to make good his contract, but cannot use them to obtain additional bonus in his honor score by reason of the bid having been doubled or redoubled; nor can he use them to count Slam or Little Slam not otherwise obtained. A revoking side can score only honors as held.

Winners of two games in trick points receive 250 points bonus in honors.

Winning Rubber—At the end of a rubber, the complete score of each side, including the 250 won by one set of partners for winning two games, is tallied, and the side with the greatest complete total of points wins the rubber.

Save this article. Further instructions next Friday.

MRS. MALLORY TO PLAY WESTERN CHAMP TODAY

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—One of the most successful tennis seasons in history will close with the annual East-West matches starting today and ending tomorrow on the international courts of the West Side Tennis Club at Forest Hills, N. Y. Aside from the rivalry between the two sides, interest will center in two of the single matches.

The first of these will be today between Mrs. Molla Bjurstedt

Mallory of New York and Miss K. Browne of Los Angeles. In the second match, to be played tomorrow, William T. Tilden II, of Philadelphia will meet William Johnston of San Francisco.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE OF CLUB ARRANGED

The Billy Sunday Business Men's Club will fill three important engagements next Sunday. Group No. 3, H. W. Smouse, leader, will hold an evangelistic meeting at the Pleasant Valley M. E. Church at Millersville beginning at 7:30 p. m. This group held a successful service there last Sunday evening which resulted in three conversions and a special invitation to return.

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Group No. 5, C. C. Denham, leader, will conduct an evangelistic meeting at Benton's Ferry on Sunday evening at 7:30. The club holds a service at this church every two weeks, and several conversions have resulted. The club will meet at noon next Monday at the Y. M. C. A. when a fine luncheon will be enjoyed and reports received.

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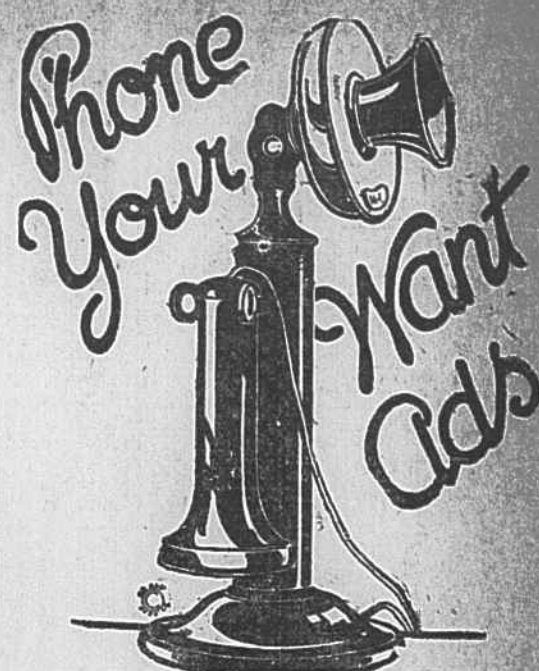
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